

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, April 03, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Austin opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV, James Perkins, Russell Jarvis and Brent Legg with the Office of Congressman Geoff Davis.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2006, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, and Jail Fund for the month of April, 2006, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. Discussion was held on a couple of the General Fund Claims, one being the appraisal fee for the property for the New Judicial Building, one being the Weather Sirens. Judge Link stated that the county would pay all expenses for the Judicial Center out of the General Fund and the General Fund would be restored once the project is bonded. They will repay the county for everything. Some discussion was held on the weather sirens. Judge Link said he asked Richard Willoby, EMS Director, if we sounded the alarm and he said we never got a call from the Weather folks. These weather sirens are in place. He said he thought we

were going to have to ask the KSP what their Protocol is. He says that because he heard one guy say on the News tonight and he made the statement that the Protocol in all eight counties, and he feels that is in Kentucky and Ohio which includes the three big counties in Northern Kentucky and not Grant County at all, but he said all eight counties have different protocols on when to sound the sirens. This is something the county has never given a great deal of thought. He said when they came into office in 1999 there was no consistency in providing for Snow 1 Emergency, Snow 2 Emergency or Snow 3 Emergency, and all had to sit down and arrive at what a definition for each one of these was, so he thinks the scare that all experienced last night may be a wakening call that we have a little work to do there. He said he talked to Judge Bertram in Pendleton County today, and he said when their radio alarm went off in Pendleton County he turned on the News and they were just then reporting that it was moving thru Grant County. He said it was already in Pendleton County and hit his back door when they were reporting it was in Grant County, so he thinks it is one of those things that caught everyone by surprise including the Weather Channel because when he retired at 10:00 PM and went to bed there was nothing on the Weather Station about a storm coming, and they were awakened about an hour later and it was here. Judge Link also updated that the Claim to the City of Dry Ridge was for the grant funds from the State for the Ambulance Service they provide. He reported that we have only received \$1,000.00 this year for Tire Disposal, and that the claim for Tire Disposal is four times greater than the revenue and said that the revenue is diminishing. Magistrate Austin stated that we need to talk to Sara Evans from the Environmental Protection Cabinet on the revenue sent in from him and the other Tire Vendors in the county. He feels that the revenue to the county should be

more than the \$1,000.00 that we are receiving.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-1045 thru 01-1091 in the amount of \$46,819.73 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0331 thru 02-0342 in the amount of \$4,341.61 paid out of the Road Fund; and Claims No. 03-424 thru 03-0431 in the amount of \$19,217.60 paid out of the Jail Fund, for the month of April, 2006, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 02-2006-582 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Gene Evans, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:
He also updated on the Amendment to the Development Agreement which is attached along with the letter from the City of Williamstown and the two letters from the City of Dry Ridge regarding this Zone Change. They are as follows:

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 02-2006-582 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Gene Evans as presented, including the Amendment to the Development Agreement and the letters attached, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Abstains.

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Zone Change from Agricultural One (A-1) to Rural Residential (RR) on 3.0 Acres of land located on the Southeast side of Sipple Road, and the northeast side of Arnolds Creek, approximately 0.6 miles South of Ky. 1942, Grant County, Kentucky, owned by applicant Berdena Collins. It is as follows: He also presented for a first reading Ordinance No. 03-2006-583 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for said applicant, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing second reading to be on April 17, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, if approved. They are as follows: Judge Link stated that he thought this site was for a granddaughter to reside there.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to accept the Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Zone Change for applicant Berdena Collins as presented, and to further approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 03-2006-583 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for said applicant, along with the Notice to run in the local paper as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Zone Change from Agricultural One (A-1) to Rural Residential (RR) on 3.0827 acres of land located on the South side of Mann Road, 510 feet southeast of Kentucky Route #491, Grant County, Kentucky, owned by The Honey Bee Beagle Club. It is as follows: He also presented for a first reading Ordinance No.

04-2006-584 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for said applicant, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing second reading to be on April 17, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, if approved. They are as follows: Judge Link stated that he thought they were trying to put a homeowner on this property in order to protect the property.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to accept the Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Zone Change for applicant The Honey Bee Beagle Club as presented, and to further approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 04-2006-584 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for said applicant, along with the Notice to run in the local paper as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link stated that the Building Inspector's Report for March 2006 would be deleted until the next meeting. He then presented the Road Supervisor's Report for March 2006. No action is required. It is as follows: He commented that snow removal should be over now that we have better weather but said the Road Department was called out and worked last night cutting down trees due to the storm. He commented that they have done a great job as usual and he had only received one call today after coming to work about a tree that needed to be cut down.

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Judge Link stated that the County Treasurer needed to have Voided Check No. 8794 in the Jail Fund dated 03-21-06 payable to ADT Services due to the amount on said check

being incorrect.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to Void Check No. 8794 in the Jail Fund dated 03-21-06 payable to ADT Services due to the amount on said check being incorrect.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link updated that the Grant County Emergency Management Services was previously given a vehicle with a utility bed on it at no cost and felt they could fix it up but have found that it would cost a lot to fix it up and they were requesting the Court to allow them to trade the vehicle, a 1997 Chevrolet Green Truck, to Hilltop Auto Sales for a L984 Ford Econoline Ambulance, Vin No.1F DKE30L8EHA81761, and stated the Court needed to declare this vehicle as Surplus to the needs of the county and authorize the transfer of this vehicle to Hilltop Auto Sales as requested.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to declare as Surplus to the needs of the county a 1997 Chevrolet Green Truck-Model JK34 – Vin. No. 1GBJK34RXVF008236 now being used by the Grant County Emergency Management Services, and to authorize the Judge/Executive to transfer said vehicle to Hilltop Auto Sales for the exchange of a 1984 Ford Econoline Ambulance to be used by the Grant County Emergency Management Services as requested.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and action a letter from TransCare of Kentucky along

with an Agreement between TransCare of Kentucky, Inc. and Grant County for providing Emergency Medical Ambulance Services. It is as follows: He said the good thing about this is that no financial commitment is asked for from the county. He said that TransCare recognizes that they provide a valuable service to a large part of the county and to many of the cities within the county, but in reality, they don't have anything that identifies that geographic area as being exclusively theirs and would feel more comfortable if we had some kind of contractual agreement in place so that no one else could come in and encroach upon that geographic area unless the Court permitted them to do so. Further discussion was held on the geographic area that the Dry Ridge Fire Department would cover and Judge Link update on their geographic area. He also stated that there is a Mutual Aid Agreement where they work together if one is not available when needed the other could provide service when needed. Attorney Ed Lorenz has reviewed the Agreement and said he had no problems with it as long as the Court accepted it. Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the Agreement between TransCare of Kentucky, Inc., and Grant County, for providing Emergency Medical Ambulance Services as presented, and to further authorize the Judge/Executive to sign said Agreement on behalf of the county.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented a letter from Jailer Steve Kellam along with the proposed Jail Fund budget for 2006-2007 fiscal year. No action is required. It is for the Court to take home and review and discussion will be held on it at the next Caucus meeting with him. It will then be incorporated into the overall county budget when it is presented to the Court.

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Adult Detention Agreement between the Fiscal Court of Harrison County and the Fiscal Court of Grant County for housing Adult inmates. It is as follows: Discussion was held.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the Adult Detention Agreement between the Fiscal Court of Harrison County and the Fiscal Court of Grant County for housing inmates as presented, and to further authorize the Judge/Executive to sign said Agreement on behalf of the county as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the “Good of the County”. He said that anyone could address the Court at this time. He welcomed Brent Legg from the Office of Congressman Geoff Davis and asked him if he had any comments. Mr. Legg stated that he was only here to observe and to introduce himself and to help with any needs of the Fiscal Court. Judge Link stated that Mr. Legg is our personal contact for Congressman Davis’ Office and Brent has an office here in Williamstown and that Mr. Legg is a new resident of the county and we welcome him to the county and are glad he is here. He said he knows that Mr. Legg will add a great deal of value to our community. He also commented that they are thankful for the Congressman for working hard in partnership with the Fiscal Court on the Williamstown Lake Project. He is also appreciative for today and for getting to go with Congressman Davis to meet the President of the United States which indeed was an honor. They had an opportunity to discuss with Congressman

Davis and Pendleton County Judge/Executive Henry Bertram the Project and he once again pledged his support and said he would get it done. Russell Jarvis, a candidate for office, was present also and said he was just here to observe and learn. Magistrate Conrad asked about the bridge on Heathen Ridge Road and Judge Link explained that Morris J. Webster was back from Florida and had come into the office last week and they had discussed what was needed there to make it better for the long term and to try to improve it to make it wider at the entrance and exit so those making the turn could make it easier without running to the abutment which has always been a problem. They discussed putting in another pier in the creek bed and building it up to make it wider, and Mr. Webster is to bring in a price quote to do this work. Potholes and Arnold's Creek was discussed. Judge Link said that Mr. Webster is to also look at this area and present a price quote on it also. Magistrate Austin said that Fork Lick Road has one left and needs to be looked at also. Magistrate Austin said there is also one on Morgan Creek on the end, but it is not too bad. The school bus has no problems and gets over it. Discussion was held on these bridges and Judge Link said he would go and take a look at them. He reported that the bridge at Lusby's Mill Road is being replaced and is closed. He reported that the Keefer Road Bridge going across Three Forks Creek into Owen County has a tree wedged under it, and the Road Department will get on this as soon as possible after cutting trees on the roads. It was reported that there are Beavers moving in the county and that some have been spotted on Cynthiana Street in Williamstown.

Magistrate Conrad said that she saw in the newspaper that Rep. Royce Adams had introduced a Bill to help the Coyote Problem in Grant County and surrounding counties, and said it looks like it probably is not going to pass because some people don't think

there is a Coyote problem, but she has had several farmers speak to her and they are losing livestock, particularly young calves, because of this problem. She finds it very unfortunate that people are taken in by these Special Interest groups when we can take care of the problem by farmers basically. She feels that Rep. Adams introduced a good Bill and will be disappointed if it doesn't go anywhere, but said it may not. For those who have concerns about that bill, she encouraged them to call their Representative and tell them how they feel about it. Judge Link updated that Rep. Adams had introduced that bill about half way thru the Session and it had passed out of the House with 88 to 100 votes thereabouts, and the Senate then got calls from several Animal Rights Groups against the bill. He said a lot of the people who called in don't even live in the State and certainly don't recognize the issues we have here with Coyotes and recognize that that is our farmers livelihood and that is income for them. He said that one made the comment "Why don't they just write it off as a tax write off?" He said that the farmers have too many tax write offs now and what they need is extra income. Hopefully between this Session and the next one, we will be able to educate the other end of the Capitol and also those people who called in and opposed it and maybe get more support from various organizations. That would have been more helpful to Rep. Adams if he could. He knows they did get an endorsement from Farm Bureau, but sometimes you need endorsements from other people that will shepherd those bills thru. It is not easy to get a bill passed and it shouldn't be. Every bill really should be debated fully and should be understood. He agreed with Magistrate Conrad that we shouldn't let Special Interest Groups that are not from Kentucky and don't understand our problems, stand in our way. Magistrate Austin mentioned all of those in the Mid West who have suffered with storms etc. the last few

days and said we need to keep those people in our prayers.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on April 10, 2006, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, April 17, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, April 17, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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